Answer the next question. Mr. Salem may satisfy his thirst.

SUPPLY OF WATER—MATTANCHERI—INADEQUACY OF

478. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have received complaints or official information regarding the inadequate supply of water through taps at Mattancheri both residential and at road side;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to take necessary and immediate steps to remedy the defect whatever it is and ensure a sufficient supply of water to the public during waking hours, that is to say between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m without break?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the urgent attention of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* 2 lakhs of gallons of water are supplied to Mattancheri which has got a population of 86815, while about 5 lakhs are given to Ernakulam which has got only about a third of the population of Mattancheri.

Mr. President: The total water that we draw is 10 lakhs per day altogether. Of this only 5 lakhs is given to Ernakulam, 2 lakhs to Mattancheri and 3 lakhs of water to the Island.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I wish to know what is the income that we get for the supply to the Island.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For the water supplied to the Harbour, the Harbour authorities pay us at the rate of Rs. 1—4—0 per thousand gallons of water supplied.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How many gallons are they to get every day?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* On an average we supply about 50—60 thousand gallons per day.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are they not drawing more than this 56 thousand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes, on some days they draw more.

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Mr. President: We have to supply only up to a particular quantity. It is far below this 56 thouand gallons. It is only 50 thousand gallons per day. In the interests of Mattancheri and Ernakulam and in view of the fact that we have got only a limited quantity of water at our disposal, we limited our obligation to the Harbour authorities and we have fixed it only at 50 thousand gallons per day.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it not possible for the Government to get another pipe line put? Would the Government be pleased to state its attitude about this? There has been some agitation in the papers also with regard to this matter.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—EXTENT OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPATION

479. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) (*i*) the extent of land available for private occupation in the Willingdon Island ;

(*ii*) the conditions and tenures on which occupation of land will be allowed ;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to give a list of employees in the superior services of the Harbour and Port that work in the offices of (*i*) The Harbour Engineer-in-Chief and Administrative Officer, (*ii*) The Executive Engineer and other officers under the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief and Administrative Officer ; and (*iii*) The Port Office, and Customs on the Willingdon Island, as on the 1st of December 1939, or as on the 1st of January 1940.

(*c*) of the men employed, will the Government be pleased to ascertain and inform how many are subjects of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin, with the pay, salary, and allowance drawn by each of them ;

(*d*) will the Government be pleased to give a list of Employees in the Harbour and Port, and Custom Services on the Willingdon Island. who pay any income-tax to the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The proposals regarding the letting of lands on the Willingdon Island are only under consideration and the information asked for cannot now be given.

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